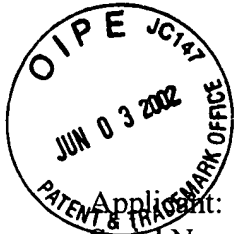


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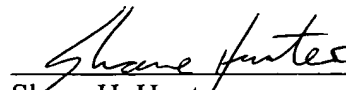
Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement Filed Pursuant to The Duty of Disclosure Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98;
2. PTO 1449 form with Listed References attached (also International Search Report enclosed); and
3. Return Postcard.

In connection with the foregoing matter, please charge any fees that may be due, to Deposit Account Number 50-0311, Ref. No. 19282-026. A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance With 37 C.F.R. §1.97
(Select A, B or C below)

A. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed:
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1. ☐ within three months of the filing date of the National Application.
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- a. ☒ each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.
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1. ☐ The fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.
2. ☐ The Applicant hereby certifies, as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), that (Check a or b below)
 - a. ☐ each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.
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 - b. ☐ no item of Information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart for this application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.
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2. A petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

3. The petition fee of \$130 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) is enclosed.

PART II: Information Cited

A. ☒ The Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

B. ☐ The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified): no non-English language references have been submitted at this time.

PART IV: Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
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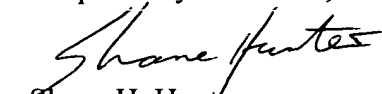
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested:

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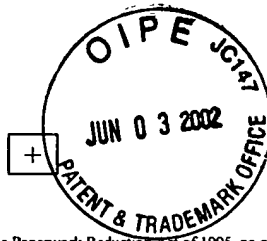
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